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In re application of: Charles Zuker, et al.

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Specific Ion Channel

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.